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Food Industry Workgroup Opportunity

California's current fiscal crisis highlights the need for state government to review its business activities and practices to ensure continued service to its stakeholders. The Food and Drug Branch (FDB) is pleased to announce the re-establishment of a food industry workgroup to assist the FDB's Industry Education and Training Unit (IETU). The workgroup provides a rewarding opportunity for food industry leaders to assist in identifying training areas and delivery venues to benefit the California food industry. The workgroup will assist the food industry by improving communications and expanding our partnerships to better meet the current needs of food processors.

IETU was established to develop and provide free or low-cost, readily available, food safety training and information to the California food industry. Since its inception, the program has provided numerous workshops on diverse topics such as the current Good Manufacturing Practices, Food Recalls, Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point (HACCP) systems for seafood and juice manufacturers. One of the program's major accomplishments was the collaborative development of food safety videos for the sprout, juice, and fresh cut produce industries. FDB's future endeavors include the use of web-oriented trainings and social networking sites, such as You Tube and Facebook in order to reach firms that frequently do not have the time or resources to attend traditional food safety classroom training.

FDB invites you to become involved in this valuable program developed to improve services and more efficiently utilize the combined resources of state government and industry. We are seeking a limited number of individuals representing a cross-section of California's diverse food industry. Responsibilities will generally consist of providing periodic planning and evaluations of IETU's food safety information.

If you are interested in applying or have additional questions, please contact Nicole Givens at: Nicole.Givens@cdph.ca.gov.